

Welcome to the 2023-24 season!

The wheels are certainly turning, and a lot of activity is underway.

I would like to express my thanks to all volunteers at all levels within the region. Your efforts and contributions underpin our ability to run this sport which is enjoyed by many.

As many of you already know, we have several vacancies within the region, this will have an impact on the ability of the region to support our members.

Over the next few months, discussions will take place on the roadmap for the region and alignment with the operation direction of Ringette Ontario. Rest assured; continuity is paramount to continue programs for our members across the board.

RO Updates

- i) Insurance Challenges (premiums, vendors, safe sport)
- ii) Ontario Winter Games (OWG)
- iii) Policies updates/additions/alignment with RC
 - (1) <u>https://www.ringette.ca/safe-sport/policy-suite/</u>
 - (2) <u>https://ringetteontario.com/content/policies</u>
 - (a) Code of Conduct and Ethics (update/alignment)
 - (b) Concussion Policy and Return to Play (update/alignment)
 - (c) Screening Policy (update/alignment)
 - (d) Whistleblower Policy (update/alignment)
 - (e) Athlete Protection Guidelines Policy (update/alignment)
 - (f) Financial Policy (update/alignment)
 - (g) Reciprocation Policy (new)
- iv) Bylaw Changes AGM (excluding Regional Director Board Membership)
- v) 1 additional director-at-large expected to be voted at AGM.
- vi) Operational Changes Progressing, reduced cadence.

vii) Program Coordinator Positions

viii) Discussions on regional role and expectations will resume.

- ix) RO Competition and Officials committees being established, call out for volunteers.
- x) No location update on AA Provincials, Sanctioned Event List updated with dates Feb 29 Mar 3.
 RO KNOWS that EVERYBODY is looking for an announcement.
- xi) AAA feedback received. Concerns around player selection to be reviewed and guidelines/policies to be discussed.
- xii) RO Contact Us
 - (1) <u>https://ringetteontario.com/content/contact-us</u>
 - (2) Expecting update for Competitions and office roles/responsibility matrix
- xiii) RO Newsletter Signup!
 - (1) <u>https://ringetteontario.com/content/ringette-ontario-newsletter</u>

xiv) WRRA Announcements

- (1) Under "Resources | Submit Announcement" https://www.wrra.ca/form/5147
- (2) Subscribe right off main page.

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xv) AGM – basecamp notification(1) YOU MUST REGISTER BY OCT 18!

Thanks Mark DeLaFranier, Chair Western Region chairwrra@wrra.ca